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## SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE HERALD'S LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

## THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA.

## ATTITUDE OF THE EUROPEAN POWERS.

## GERMANY PREPARED TO SUPPORT SPAIN.

LONDON, Dec. 26. Mr. Blowitz, the Paris correspondent of the Times, says that the European Powers have forwarded a joint communication to President Cleveland, informing him of the friendly feeling of the Powers with regard to the United States in regard to Cuba, which was considered menacing to the United States. In the event of the United States occupying territory in proximity to Cuba, Mr. Blowitz declares, is ready to take the part of Spain.

## A NAVAL FIGHT.

## TWO SPANISH CRUISERS AND A FILIBUSTER.

## THE CRUISERS DISABLED.

LONDON, Dec. 26. It is reported from the United States that the filibuster vessel Three Friends, while off the Cuban coast with arms in readiness for the rebels, had a sharp conflict with a Spanish gunboat.

## THE TURKISH QUESTION.

## MURDER OF FATHER SALVATORE.

## THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN SQUADRONS UNDER ORDERS.

LONDON, Dec. 26. A telegraphic dispatch from Constantinople states that the French and Italian squadrons have asked the commanders of their respective squadrons in the Levant to proceed to Alexandria, on the east side of the Gulf of Alexandria, in the angle between Asia Minor and Syria, to be ready for action in the event of the acquittal or annulment of Colonel Mazarhy, who is charged with the murder of Father Salvatore.

## RUSSIA AND CHINA.

## RAILWAY IN EASTERN CHINA.

LONDON, Dec. 25. The Czar of Russia has sanctioned the construction of an Eastern Chinese railway in the province of Keren in connection with the Trans-Siberian line.

## THE LATE SHAH OF PERSIA'S FORTUNE.

LONDON, Dec. 25. The late Shah of Persia left a fortune amounting to £10,000,000. The present Shah (Muzaffar-ed-Din) intends to devote £1,000,000 of that sum to public purposes.

## THE HON. J. G. WARD.

LONDON, Dec. 26. Her Majesty the Queen has approved of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by Mr. J. G. Ward, ex-Treasurer of New Zealand.

## THE DOCKERS' STRIKE AT HAMBURG.

LONDON, Dec. 25. The English labourers who were imported to take the places of the dock and wharf labourers on strike at Hamburg have now struck for higher wages.

## THE DEATH OF MR. CRACK-ANTHORPE.

It is believed that Mr. Hubert Crackanthorpe, the English author, who mysteriously disappeared from his hotel in Paris, and whose body was subsequently found in the Seine, committed suicide.

## A THEATRICAL ENGAGEMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 25. Mrs. Molyns, formerly of the Brough and Boucault Company in Sydney, has been engaged for the leading part in a tour of the play "Under the Red Robe," an adaptation from Mr. Stanley Weymann's novel of that name.

## NEW GUINEA RUBBER.

LONDON, Dec. 26. Samples of rubber obtained from New Guinea have been tested by experts, who have reported favourably upon the quality of the rubber for manufacturing purposes.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

MR. CECIL RHODES AT PORT ELIZABETH.

LONDON, Dec. 26. In the course of his speech at Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony, on the occasion of his recent public reception in that city, Mr. Cecil Rhodes complained that the present administration of Rhodesia was out of sympathy with himself. He referred to the "unconscious reticence" of British feeling.

Mr. Rhodes also stated that some years ago the late Mr. C. S. Farnell, when leader of the Irish party, promised him that he would introduce a clause in the Home Rule Bill allowing the colonies to send representatives to sit in the House of Commons.

The hostile tone of Mr. Rhodes' speech is much commented on at Cape Town.

## RINDERPEST IN SOUTH AFRICA.

News is now to hand that a body of police and volunteers attacked a strong force of Bechuana natives, estimated to number fifty 5000. The natives were armed with rifles and assegais, and were commanded by the Bechuana chief Gaiswhe.

The attacking force carried the first position at Pakwani. Two officers were wounded. Walaia, the chief of the Taungwa native reserve, remained passive during the fighting.

## THE FROZEN MEAT INDUSTRY.

MR. WEDDELL'S ANNUAL REVIEW.

In his annual review of the colonial frozen meat industry Mr. Weddell, of Weddell and Co., meat salesman, says that it will be impossible to properly organise a system of distribution until colonial produce and transport are better controlled. Many damaged cargoes of frozen meat, especially from New Zealand, seriously prejudicial sound shipments, and occasioned the loss of tens of thousands of pounds. The rejection of inferior carcasses at the freezing works would be the readiest and best means of meeting the competition of the Argentine Republic. Numerous parcels of Queensland beef, Mr. Weddell adds, were unsuitable for the London trade.

The Colonial Consignment Company reports that the damages done to cargoes was the cause of the year's trade. The damage largely occurred before the landing of the shipments, and unless remedied it must result in irreparable injury to the frozen meat trade of the colonies.

## BRITISH POST-OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

## REDUCED INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

LONDON, Dec. 26. It is likely that the rate of interest on deposits in the British Post-office Savings Banks will be reduced to 2½ per cent.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

## ARRIVAL OF THE OCEANA.

ADELAIDE, Sunday. The T. and O. steamer Oceana arrived early this afternoon. Amongst the passengers for Adelaide were Mr. J. G. Ward, ex-Treasurer of New Zealand, and Mr. J. G. Ward, ex-Treasurer of New Zealand.

## GENERAL HEAVY RAIN.

During the past 48 hours general heavy rain has taken place, extending from Wilson in the north to Sorell Bay in the south, and throughout the whole of the colony. The rain has been accompanied by strong winds, and has done much to relieve the drought. The damage is enormous. It is estimated that the loss of crops is about £1,000,000.

## EXTENSIVE FIRE AT BARCADDINE.

A Barcaddine telegram states that a fire broke out in the Railway Hotel on Saturday afternoon. The fire was caused by a gas lamp, and it spread rapidly, burning for some time before it was extinguished. The damage is estimated at £1,000.

## TASMANIA.

On Thursday a man named Peter Peterson, who has been staying at the Hotel de France, Hobart, was found dead in his room. The cause of death is not known.

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## VICTORIA.

THE AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

MELBOURNE, Sunday. Before leaving England Mr. Maguire, manager of the Australian Eleven, forwarded to Mr. Henry Paterson a gratuity for distribution among the players of Lord's ground. In acknowledging the gift, Mr. Paterson wrote to Mr. Maguire as follows: "I have to thank you for your very courteous letter, also for the handsome donation to the players, which has been distributed to the best of my ability. I have had the honour of being secretary here during all the visits of Australian teams, and I may say that it has never been my pleasure to welcome a better lot of all-around sportsmen, and I only hope I may have the opportunity of seeing the same team here once again."

## HIBERNIAN FETE.

The third grand fete of the Hibernian Athletic Club, which was given in the Exhibition Building on Saturday under favourable circumstances. It is estimated that from 15,000 to 16,000 people attended during the day and evening, and as a banquet was in progress, as well as sports and an art union, it is safe to say that the object of the fete, viz., the building of the Hibernian Club, will be substantially benefited.

## RAINING IN MELBOURNE.

The weather today was close and oppressive, but towards evening rain fell in refreshing and appreciable relief. Rain was still falling at midnight.

## ROBERTS FROM A CHURCH.

On Christmas Eve St. John's Roman Catholic Church at Clifton Hill was broken into and robbed of a clock, valued at 10 guineas. The clock was sold to a second-hand dealer, and the man who offered it for sale has been arrested.

## ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.

A broken Hill minor named Hector McNeill, while walking along Little Bourke-street to-night, was assailed by a hansom-cab driver and robbed of a silver watch and 20 sovereigns.

## THE CRICKET COUNCIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE DELEGATES IN MELBOURNE.

THE DISPUTE WITH THE AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Sunday. The New South Wales delegates to the Cricket Council arrived from Sydney by the express on Saturday morning. They were met by Mr. J. G. Ward, ex-Treasurer of New Zealand, and Mr. J. G. Ward, ex-Treasurer of New Zealand.

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## NEW ZEALAND.

PELAGIC STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR LANDS.

At a banquet at Geraldine given in honour of Mr. F. M. Macdonald, the Minister for Lands, Mr. Macdonald, Minister for Lands, was present, and in the course of his speech made an extraordinary remark regarding the Bank of New Zealand which is likely to give rise to much comment. He said that Mr. Macdonald had to fight the old leaven of the Bank of New Zealand, and that he was a warning note that if the bank people were going to enable in politics, the bank might have to go into liquidation very soon.

## THE FEDERAL CONVENTION.

DECISION OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT.

THE VICTORIAN PREMIER AGREES.

THE FEDERAL ENACTMENT TO BE ENFORCED.

THE PLACE FOR HOLDING THE CONVENTION.

The Premier has received a letter from Mr. G. H. Reid, the Premier of New South Wales, announcing that it is the intention of his Government to issue a proclamation declaring that the Federal Enactment shall be enforced in New South Wales.

The Victorian Premier agrees that the Federal Enactment shall be enforced in Victoria.

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## THE WEATHER.

INTENSE HEAT IN THE COUNTRY.

Locally on Boxing Day the weather was very hot, with a fresh N.E. breeze blowing at a velocity of 24 to 25 miles per hour. Inland the temperature was 113° in the shade. A blinding rain fell at 11 o'clock, the building, which was hot, and its contents being totally destroyed by the rain. The rain was very heavy, and the temperature was 109° in the shade at the time the rain fell. The rain was very heavy, and the temperature was 109° in the shade at the time the rain fell.

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